

ScoopUSA Black History Corner

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VIRGO The Perfectionist

Dominant in relationships. Conservative. Always wants the last word. Argumentative. Worries. Very smart. Dislikes noise and chaos. Eager. Hardworking. Loyal. Beautiful. Easy to talk to. Hard to please. Harsh. Practical and very fussy. Often shy. Pessimistic.

The Sapphire is the stone for the month of September

An ancient Persian legend states that the earth rests on a large sapphire and the blue of the sky comes from the gem's reflection. Medieval priests and monks wore sapphire believing they would prevent evil impulses and thoughts. It was once thought that, if a poisonous snake were put into a container with a sapphire the rays from the gem would kill it. Sapphire was believed to turn evil sorcery and negative spells back against the sender and provide advance warning of hidden dangers. Ancient writers claimed the Ten Commandments were written on sapphire, making this gem most sacred. Sapphire has long symbolized truth sincerity and faithfulness. If its luster dulled when worn by a spouse, it was believed that person had been unfaithful.

September 20

You are individual and original. You always do the unexpected in an unusual way. You are welcome in the society of cultured people. You like personal attention and can be led by someone who understands you.

1758 Jean-Jacques Dessalines, first ruler of an independent Haiti, is born in Grande Riviere-du-Nord, Saint Domingue

1884 Judy W. Reed is awarded a patent for the improvement of dough kneader and roller.

1895 (Paul Leroy) Ox Blood Howard, jazz saxophonist and clarinetist, is born in Steubenville, OH.

1915 Hughie Lee-Smith, artist and teacher, is born in Eustis, FL.

1917 Clarice Taylor, actor (The Cosby Show), is born in Buckingham County, VA.

1918 Gordon Heath, musician and actor who narrated the animated feature Animal Farm, is born in New York, NY.

1921 (Melvin Edward) Slappy White, comedian and actor (Sanford and Son), is born in Baltimore, MD.

1925 (Ulysses B.) Bobby Nunn, singer with The Coasters (Yakety Yak), is born in Birmingham, AL.

1926 Mary Littlejohn Singleton, first African American from north Florida to be elected to the Florida Legislature since Reconstruction, is born in Jacksonville, FL.

1928 (Elvira) Vi Redd, jazz alto saxophonist, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1930 (Edwin Joseph Bocage) Eddie Bo, jazz pianist, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1939 Floyd Leroy Williams, mathematician, is born in Kansas City, MO.

1948 Adrian Margaret Smith Piper, conceptual artist and the first African American female philosophy professor to receive academic tenure in the US, is born in New York, NY.

1948 Shirley Weber, member of the California State Assembly, is born in Hope, AR.

1949 Jesse Max Barber, dentist and journalist (Voice of the Negro), dies.

1950 (William James) Bill Riley, National Hockey League player, is born in Amherst, Nova Scotia Canada.

1953 (Jeffrey Robin) Jeff Jones, bass guitar player, is born in Chicago, IL.

1954 Washington Phillips, gospel singer and musician, dies in Teague, TX.

1956 (Deborah) Debbi Morgan, actor (All My Children), is born in Dunn, NC.

1958 Debra Jean 'Deah Dame' Hurd, part of the R&B duo Damian Dame, is born.

1958 Ursula M. Burns, first African American woman CEO to head a Fortune 500 company (Xerox), is born in New York, NY.

1960 Deborah A. Roberts, TV journalist for ABC news, is born in Perry, GA

1962 Curley James Weaves, blues musician, dies in Almon, GA.

1968 (Anthony Kapel) Van Jones, environmental advocate and attorney, is born in Jackson, TN.

1969 Victoria Dillard, actor (Spin City), is born in New York, NY.

1969 (Robert Keith) Cowboy (Wiggins) rap artist with Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, is born.

1969 Rex Ingram, actor (The Green Pastures), dies in Los Angeles, CA.

1970 N'Bushe Wright, actor (Blade), is born in New York, NY.

1977 (Terius Youngdell Nash) The Dream, recorder producer and songwriter (Umbrella), is born in Rockingham, NC.

1973 (Benjamin Francis) Ben Webster, saxophonist, dies in Amsterdam, Holland

1980 Mechelle Lewis, Olympic gold medalist who spe-



(Robert Lee) Bobby Satcher, Jr.

cializes in the 100 meters and 4x100 meter, is born in Fort Washington, MD.

1980 Crystal Celeste Grant, actor (Teenage Caveman), is born in Houston, TX.

1981 Crystle Danae Stewart, Miss USA 2008, is born in Houston, TX.

1985 Ian M. Desmond, Major League Baseball player, is born in Sarasota, FL.

1993 Taylor Parks, singer and actor (Hairspray), is born in Mesquite, TX.

2008 (Napoleon Brown Goodson Culp) Nappy Brown, singer (Night Time is the Right Time), dies in Charlotte, NC.

2008 Kenneth N. Harris, Sr. member of the Baltimore City Council, is shot and killed in Baltimore, MD.

September 21

You are blessed with an indomitable spirit and will never acknowledge defeat. You are far-sighted, resourceful and intellectual and have good executive ability. You are affectionate, loyal and fond of your home and friends.

1878 Cooper is awarded patent 590,257 for an elevator device

1897 F.W. Leslie is awarded patent 590,325 for an envelope seal.

1904 (William) Count Basie, pianist and bandleader, is born in Red Bank, NJ.

1910 Napoleon Whiting, actor (The Big Valley), is born in Mississippi.

1913 (Capitola Leodra) Cappie Dickerson, piano instructor, is born in Urbana, OH.

1914 (Leroy Eliot) Slam Stewart, jazz bass player, is born in Englewood, NJ.

1921 (Foreststorn) Chico Hamilton, drummer, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1932 Melvin Van Peebles, actor, director (Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song), is born in Chicago, IL.

1942 (Ewart Beckford) U-Roy, vocalist, is born in Jones Town, Jamaica.

1943 Trixie Smith, blues singer and vaudeville entertainer, dies in New York, NY.

1945 (George Curtis) G.D. Cameron, singer (It's A Shame with the Spinners), is born in Jackson, MS.

1949 Henry Butler, jazz pianist, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1949 Artis Gilmore, National Basketball Association player, is born in Chipley, FL.

1951 Diana Morgan, actor and news anchor (Hampton Roads, Virginia), is born in Chicago, IL.

1952 Gary George Gray, Major League Baseball player, is born in New Orleans, LA.

1957 Sidney Moncrief, National Basketball Association player, is born in Little Rock, AR.

1963 Cecil Fielder, Major League Baseball player, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1964 (Armenter Chatmon) Bo Carter, blues musician, dies in Memphis, TN.

1965 (William Henry) D.J. Dozier, Jr., National Football League and Major League Baseball player, is born in Norfolk, VA.

1966 LaVan Davis, singer and actor (Tyler Perry's House of Payne), is born in Atlanta, GA.

1968 (David Jude Jolicoeur) Trugoy the Dove singer with De La Soul, is born in New York, NY.

1969 Billy Porter, stage actor (Kinky Boots), is born in Pittsburgh, PA.

1971 Anne-Marie Green, news anchor for CBS, is born in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

1971 Call Cobbs, Jr., jazz pianist, electric harpsichordist and organist, is born.

1971 Alfonso Ribeiro, dancer and actor (The Fresh Prince of Bel Air), is born in New York, NY.

1973 Diana Sands, actress (A Raisin in the Sun), dies in New York, NY.

1974 Taral Hicks, singer and actor (A Bronx Tale), is born in The Bronx, NY.

1978 Kyle Townsend, record producer and composer (Silver Linings Playbook), is born in Seattle, WA.

1981 Jerrika Delayne Hinton, actor (Grey's Anatomy) is born in Dallas, TX.

1981 Nicole Camille Richie (Escovedo) actor, is born in Berkeley, CA.

1983 Tori Polk, gold medalist at the 2014 USA Indoor Track and Field, is born in Hewitt, TX.

1984 (Olubowale Victor Akintimehin) Wale, rap artist (Chillin), is born in Washington, DC.

1998 Florence Griffith Joyner (Flo-Jo) track and field athlete, dies in Mission Viego, CA.

2006 Gilbert Maurice Jones, businessman and long-time fundraiser for the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). Is born in Brooklyn, NY.

2008 Nancy Alene Hicks Maynard, publisher and owner of The Oakland Tribune, dies in Los Angeles, CA.

September 22

You are a dreamer, have a vivid imagination, make elaborate plans, which you never carry out. Cultivate self-reliance, perseverance and foresight. You are loving and lovable; gentle and attractive; a favorite among your friends and popular with everyone.

1822 Jane Elizabeth Manning James, African American member of the Latter Day Saints movement who lived with Joseph Smith, is born in Connecticut.

1828 Shaka Zulu (ka Senzangakhona), Zulu king, dies in KwaDukuza, kwaZulu-Natal South Africa.

1839 Michael Augustine Healy, first African American descent to command a ship of the US government (US Revenue Cutter Service predecessor of the US Coast Guard), is born in Jones County, GA.

1853 George Washington Murray, US Congressman from South Carolina, is born in Sumter County, SC.

1891 Jan Ernest Matzelliger is awarded patent 459,899 for the lasting machine.

1915 Xavier University in New Orleans, LA opens as a high school and later becomes the first and only African American Catholic College.

1925 (Eliza) Virginia Capers, actor (The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air) is born in Sumter, SC.

1931 E. Don Sareals, meteorologist who help develop NOAA weather radio, is born in Winston, Salem, NC.

1932 Adolpho A. Birch, Jr., first African American to serve as Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, is born in Washington, DC.

1934 Louis Brown Johnson, 'Sweet Lou', Major League Baseball player, is born in Lexington, KY.

1939 Gilbert Earl Patterson, Bishop and Chief Apostle of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. (COGIC), is born in Humboldt, TN.

1941 Ernest Gideon Green, one of the Little Rock Nine, is born in Little Rock, AR.

1941 Jeremiah Alvesta Wright, Jr., Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1941 Chester Lovelle Tolton, first African American ordained an Episcopalian Bishop in the western US, is born in El Dorado, AR.

1942 Marlena Shaw (Burgess) singer, is born in New Rochelle, NY.

1951 Mark Riley, journalist and commentator, is born.

1953 Julianne Malveaux, economist, author and president of Bennett College, is born in San Francisco, CA.

1954 Shari Belafonte, model and actress (Hotel), is born in New York, NY.

1955 Jeffrey Leonard, Major League Baseball player, is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1956 Doug Wimbish studio bass player at Sugarhill Records, is born in Hartford, CT.

1957 Ted Williams, voice over artist (Kraft Foods), is born in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NY.

1959 Tai Reina Babilonia, World Figure Skating Champion, is born in Los Angeles, CA.

1961 Vincent Maurice Coleman, Major League Baseball player, is born in Jacksonville, FL.

1965 (Robert Lee) Bobby Satcher, Jr., chemical engineer and NASA astronaut, is born in Hampton, VA.

1969 (Ronald Brooks) Money B, rap artist with Digital Underground, is born in Oakland, CA.

1970 (Michael Lawrence Tyler) Mystikal, actor and rap artist (Ghetto Fabulous), is born in New Orleans, LA.

1972 (Gregory Grove) Matthew Rush, pornographic film actor and magazine model, is born in Huntingdon, PA.

1979 Charlton Maxwell Jimerson, Major League Baseball player, is born in San Leandro, CA.

1981 Shingai Elizabeth Maria Shoniwa, vocalist and bassist (Noisettes), is born in London, England.

1994 Mattie Moss Clark, gospel singer and arranger (Mother of the Clark Sisters), dies in Southfield, MI.

2000 Michael Rainey, Jr., actor (The Butler), is born

2011 (Mary) Vesta Williams, songwriter and singer (Once Bitten, Twice Shy), dies in El Segundo, CA.

Know your History and Culture. If you do not know where you come from, you cannot and will not know where you can go.